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PROPOSITIONS

OF

Both Houſes of PARLIAMENT,

Concerning

The raiſing of Horſe, Horſemen, and Arms, for the defence of the

KING,

And both Houſes of Parliament.

Ordered by the Houſe of Commons, That theſe Propoſitions be forthwith Printed and publiſhed.
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WHereas it appeares, That the King (ſeduced by wicked Councell) intends to make Warre againſt His Parliament, and in purſuance thereof, under pretence of a Guard for his Perſon, hath actually begun to leavie Forces both of Horſe & Foot, & ſent out Summons throughout the County of York, for the calling together of greater numbers, and ſome ill-affected Perſons have been employed in other parts, to raiſe Troops, under the colour of His Majeſties Service, making large offers of reward and preferment to ſuch as will come in; And that His Majeſty doth with a high and forcible hand protect and keep away Delinquents, not permitting them to make their appearance, to anſwer ſuch Affronts and Injuries as have been by them offered unto the Parliament; and thoſe Meſſengers which have been ſent from the Houſes for them, have been abuſed, beaten, and impriſoned; ſo as the Orders of Parliament, which is the higheſt Court of Juſtice in this Kingdom, are not obeyed, and the Authority of it is altogether ſcorned and vilified; and ſuch perſons as ſtand well-affected to it, and declare themſelves ſenſible of theſe publike calamities, and of the violations of the Priviledges of Parliament, and common Liberty of the Subject, are baſled and injured by ſeverall ſorts of malignant men who are about the King, ſome whereof, under the

name of Cavaliers, without having reſpect to the Lawes of the Land, or any feare, either of God or man, are ready to commit all manner of outrage and violence, which muſt needs tend to the diſſolution of this Government, the deſtroying of our Religion, Laws, and Liberty, and Propriety, all which will be expoſed to the malice and violence of ſuch deſperate perſons as muſt be employed in ſo horrid and unnaturall an act as the overthrowing of a Parliament by force, which is the ſupport and preſervation of them: All which being duly conſidered by the Lords and Commons, and how great an Obligation lies upon them in Honour, Conſcience, and Duty, according to the high truſt repoſed in them, to uſe all poſſible means in ſuch caſes, for the timely prevention of ſo great and irrecoverable evils they have thought fit to publiſh their ſence and apprehenſion of this imminent danger, thereby to excite all well-affected perſons to contribute their beſt aſſiſtance, according to their ſolemn Vowes and Proteſtation, to the Preparations neceſſary for the oppoſing and ſuppreſſing of the Trayterous attempts of theſe wicked and malignant Counſellours, who ſeek to engage the King in ſo dangerous and deſtructive an enterpriſe, and the whole Kingdome in a civill Warre, and deſtroy the Priviledges and Being of Parliaments; This recourſe to the good affections of thoſe that tender their Religion, and juſt Liberties, & the Enjoyment of the bleſſed fruits of this preſent Parliament, which were almoſt ready to be reaped, and are now as ready to be ruined by thoſe wicked hands, being the only remedy left them, under God, and without which they are no longer able to preſerve themſelves, or thoſe by whom they are entruſted.

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1. They the ſaid Lords and Commons doe Declare, That whoſoever ſhall bring in any proportion of ready Money, or Plate, or ſhall underwrite to furniſh and maintain any number of Horſe, Horſemen, and Arms, for the preſervation of the publike Peace, and for the defence of the King, and both Houſes of Parliament from force and violence, and to uphold the Power and Priviledges of Parliament, according to his Proteſtation, it ſhall be held a good and acceptable ſervice to the Common-wealth, and a teſtimonie of his good affection to the Proteſtant Religion, the Laws, Liberties, and peace of this Kingdome, and to the Parliament, and Priviledges thereof.

And becauſe a conſiderable aid cannot be raiſed by few hands, and the condition of all mens eſtates and occaſions, is not alwayes proportionable to their Affection; The Lords and Commons doe Declare That no mans Affection ſhall be meaſured according to the proportion of his offer, ſo that he expreſſe his good will to this ſervice in any proportion whatſoever.

2. And it is further Declared by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That whoſoever ſhall bring in any Money or plate, or ſhall furniſh and maintain any Horſe, Horſemen, and Arms for the purpoſes aforeſaid, ſhall have their Money re-paid, with the Intereſt, according to Eight pounds *per cent.* and the full value of their Plate, with conſideration for the faſhion, not exceeding One ſhilling *per* ounce, and ſhall have full recompence for all their charge, in finding, furniſhing, and maintaining of Horſe, Horſemen,

men, and Arms; and for this both Houſes of Parliament doe ingage the publike Faith.

3. And it is Ordained, That Sir *John Wollaſton*, Knight and Alderman, Alderman *Towſe*, Alderman *Warner*, and Alderman *Andrews*, ſhall be the Treaſurers to receive all ſuch Money, and Plate, as ſhall be brought in for the purpoſes aforeſaid. And that the Acquittances of them, or any two of them, for the Receit of the ſame ſhall be a ſufficient ground for the party ſo lending Money or Plate, to demand the ſame again with the intereſt, and likewiſe conſideration for the faſhion of the Plate.

4. It is Ordered, That there ſhall be Commiſſaries to value the Horſe and Armes that ſhall be furniſhed for this ſervice; and that a ſignification under the hands of them, or any two of them of ſuch values of the Horſe and Arms, and of the time when they were firſt brought in, ſhall be a Warrant to demand ſatisfaction according to the ſaid values, and they ſhall keep an account of the time, from the firſt Inrolment of any ſuch Horſe and Horſemen, That ſuch as finde and maintaine them, may be re-paid according to the rate of 2 s. 6 d. *per diem*, for ſo long time as they have maintained them in this ſervice; And the Commiſſaries are to attend at *Guild-hall*, for the receiving and inrolling of ſuch numbers of Horſe as ſhall be brought in.

5. It is Ordered, That whoſoever ſhall bring in Money,

Money, or Plate, or ſhall provide and maintaine Horſe, Horſemen, and Arms for this ſervice, ſhall do according to their duty therein. And the Lords and Commons doe ingage the Power and Authority of Parliament, to ſave them harmleſſe from all prejudice and inconvenience that may befall them by occaſion thereof.

6. It is Ordered, That the Members of either Houſe, who are preſent, ſhall be deſired to Declare in their Houſes reſpectively, what Money, or Plate they will bring in, or what Horſe, Horſemen, and Arms they will finde and maintain.

7. It is deſired, That all ſuch as have their reſidence in or about *London*, or within 80 miles, will bring in their Money, Plate, or Horſe, within a fortnight after notice; and they that dwell farther off, within three weeks.

8. And becauſe every Perſon may not be provided with preſent Money, or with Horſe, or not have his Plate with him, which he means to bring in, and yet reſolves to contribute his part within the time limited, and that it is neceſſary it ſhould be preſently known what the proviſion will be, for the effecting of this great and important ſervice; It is Ordered, That the Committees of either Houſe, appointed for that purpoſe reſpectively, ſhall receive the ſubſcriptions of ſuch Members of each Houſe, as have not declared themſelves in the Houſe, or are abſent

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upon the publike ſervice, or for their private occaſions. 2. That the Committee of *London* intruſted with the Militia, ſhall receive the ſubſcriptions in *London* and *Middleſex*. 3. That ſome Perſons nominated by the Knights and Burgeſſes of each Countie, and approved by both Houſes, ſhall be appointed to receive the ſubſcriptions in the ſeverall Counties.

9. And laſtly, it is Declared, That whatſoever is brought in, ſhall not at all be imployed upon any other occaſion, then to the purpoſes aforeſaid; which are to maintaine the Proteſtant Religion, the Kings Authority, and His Perſon, in his Royall Dignity, the free courſe of Juſtice, the Laws of the Land, the Peace of the Kingdome, and the Priviledge of Parliament, againſt any force which ſhall oppoſe them. And this by the direction of both Houſes of Parliament.

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